

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA,

IN FAVOR OF

*The indemnification of the sufferers by French spoliations prior to 1800.*

FEBRUARY 2, 1848.

Read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas, by the convention of eighteen hundred, the government of the United States relinquished the claims of citizens of the United States upon the French government for spoliations committed upon the property of said citizens previous to eighteen hundred, in consideration of an abandonment by France of her claim upon the United States for failure to comply with treaty stipulations; and whereas, by the abandonment of said claims of citizens of the United States, for national benefits, the United States became bound to compensate said citizens, as private property cannot be taken for public purposes without just compensation:

*Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best exertions to obtain the passage of a law making an appropriation for indemnifying the sufferers by French spoliations previous to eighteen hundred; provided the said sufferers have not voluntarily alienated their claims.

PRESTON W. FARRAR,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

TRASIMON LANDRY,

*Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.*

Approved April 15, 1847.

ISAAC JOHNSON,

*Governor of the State of Louisiana.*

